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Copy of a Letter from Sir George Pocock, to Mr. Cleveland, Secretary to the Admiralty, dated on board the Namure off Chorera River, the 14th of July, 1762. Received the 7th of September, 1762, at past Ten at Night.

SIR,

AGREEABLE to my Intentions signified to you by my Letter, dated the 26th of May, by the Barbadoes Sloop, (a Copy of which is inclosed,) I bore away with the Fleet the next Afternoon, having the Day before sent the Bonetta Sloop, Captain Holmes, with a Providence Pilot on board him, to direct the Vessels to their proper Stations on the Cuba Side, and Bahama Banks, that we might be guided by their Signals in our Passage. Luckily the next Day the Richmond joined us: She had been down the Old Streights to Cayo Sal; and Captain Elphinston had been very diligent and careful in his Remarks going through and returning back, having taken Sketches of the Land and Cayos on both Sides. He kept a head of the Fleet, and led us through very well. We passed the narrowest Part in the Night between Cape Lobos and Cayo Comfite, keeping good Fire Lights on each Cayo for our Directions; and found Lord Anson's Spanish Chart of the Old Streights, a very just one. The Providence Pilot, who was on board the Bonetta Sloop, placed the Trent, Captain Lindsay, at the first Station on the Cuba Side, Forty-five Leagues to the Eastward of where she ought to have been. This occasioned some of the others never to find the Cayos, where they were sent to lie on; but no ill Consequence attended it; though we find the Pilots in general ignorant of the Passage. On the 2d in the Morning, the Alarm and Echo being ordered a-head to lie on the Cayo Sal Bank, the former made the Signal for seeing five Sail in the N. W. Quarter: They both chased, with other Ships; and, about Two in the Afternoon, Captain Alms in the Alarm came up with and engaged the Thetis, a Spanish Frigate of 22 Guns and 180 Men, and the Phoenix Storeship, armed for War, of 18 Guns and 75 Men; and in three Quarters of an Hour both struck to her. The Thetis had ten Men killed, and fourteen wounded; the Alarm had seven Men killed, and ten wounded. A Brigantine and two Schooners were at first in Company with them, one of the Latter escaped; They were bound to Sagoa, in the Streights for Timber for the Use of the Ships at the Havannah, from whence they had sailed twelve Days before. During all the Passage through the Old Streights of Bahama, we had fine Weather, and Little Current; and, on the 5th in the Evening, got clear through and saw the Metances. On the 6th in the Morning brought to, about five Leagues to the Eastward of the Havannah, to issue out Directions to the Captains of the Fleet, and Masters of the Transports with regard to landing the Army; and having appointed the Honourable Commodore Keppel to conduct that Part of the Service, leaving with him six Ships of the Line, and some Frigates,

and having mann'd the flat-bottom'd Boats from the Fleet, I bore away at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, with thirteen Ships of the Line, two Frigates, the Bomb-Vessels, and thirty-six Sail of Victuallers and Storeships, and run down off the Harbour, where I saw twelve Spanish Ships of the Line, and several Merchant-Ships. Next Morning I embarked the Marines in the Boats, and made a Feint of landing about four Miles to the Westward of the Havannah. About the same Time the Earl of Albemarle landed with the whole Army, without Opposition, between the Rivers Boca-Nab and Coximar, about six Miles to the Eastward of the Moro; but there appearing a Body of Men near the Shore, Mr. Keppel ordered the Mercury and Bonetta Sloop in Shore to scour the Beach and Woods; and a more considerable Body of Men appearing afterwards, as if they intended to oppose the Earl of Albemarle in passing Coximar River, the Commodore order'd Captain Harvey in the Dragon to run in and batter the Castle, which, in a short Time, he silenced; and the Army passed over unmolested.

The 8th, I sent two Frigates in Shore, to sound from as near the Punta Fort as they could, down along the West Shore: They sound Anchoring Ground for three Leagues down the Coast, from twenty to five Fathom Water, and easy Landing for any Number of Men. This Afternoon the Enemy sunk one of their large Ships of War in the Entrance of the Harbour, and another early next Morning. The Earl of Albemarle having acquainted me that the Cavanios (or Hill above the Moro) would be soon attacked, and, to facilitate the Measure, desired me to make a Diversion on this Side; accordingly, the 10th in the Evening, I ordered Captain Knight in the Belleisle to go in and batter the Castle of Chorea, and sent the Cerberus, Mercury, Bonetta, and Lurcher, with her, to keep firing in the Woods in the Night, and embarked all the Marines in the Boats. The next Forenoon, the Enemy quitted the Fort, and at One o'Clock Colonel Carleton (Quarter-Master General) attacked the Cavanios, and soon made the Enemy retreat down the Hill, with little Loss on our Side. I ordered the three Bomb Vessels to anchor this Night, to throw Shells into the Town, which they accordingly performed under Cover of the Edgar, Sterling-Castle, and Echo.

On the 12th, a third Ship being sunk in the Entrance of the Harbour's Mouth, which entirely blocked it up, I ordered four Ships of the Line to continue cruising in the Offing, and anchored with the rest off Chorera River, about four Miles from the Havannah, which affords us Plenty of good Water and Wood.

Having found it necessary to order Eight Hundred Marines to be formed into two Battalions, commanded by the Majors Campbell and Collins, Lord Albemarle signified his Request they might be landed, and encamped on this Side: At the same Time his Lordship ordered a Detachment of twelve hundred Men over, under the Command of Colonel Howe;

accordingly

accordingly they were landed the 15th, and have proved very serviceable.

Commodore Keppel remains on the East Side, at Anchor off Coximar River, with such Ships of War and Transports as we find necessary; where he constantly keeps a Number of Seamen on Shore, which the Earl of Albemarle thinks it necessary to assist the Army in landing their Cannon and Ordnance Stores of all Kinds; or manning Batteries, making Fascines, and supplying the Army with Water from this Side, there being no Water nor Wells on the Cavanais, as the Weather has been for the greatest Part very dry. We have landed Cannon that have been desired, of different Calibres, from the Ships of War, two Mortars from the Thunder Bomb on the East Side, and two from the Grenado on this Side, with old Cables made up for erecting Defences, and old Canvas for making Sand Bags, with Ammunition, and every other Assistance in our Power; and the utmost Cordiality and Harmony subsists between the two Corps.

On the 20th, the Bomb Batteries began to play against the Moro; but the Want of Earth retarded our Batteries of Cannon from being ready till the 1st of this Month, when it was thought three large Ships would prove serviceable to be placed against the North-East Part of the Moro. I therefore ordered for that Service the Dragon, Marlborough, and Cambridge, Captain Hervey having readily offered to command the Attack, and made very judicious Dispositions in placing the three Ships. The Sterling Castle was ordered to lead until the first Ship was properly placed, and then to have made Sail off; but Captain Campbell not having performed that Service agreeable to the Orders he received from Captain Hervey, he has complained of him, and desired his Conduct may be enquired into, which shall be done as soon as the present Affairs will permit.

As the Ships were to move from the Eastward, where Mr. Keppel is stationed (who in Justice to him, I am glad to say, executes the Duty entrusted to him with an Activity, Judgment, and Diligence, no one Man can surpass) I directed him to superintend the Attack, and give Captain Hervey his Orders to proceed when he saw it convenient: Accordingly, the Ships were ordered to weigh the Evening of the 30th of June, and next Morning went down (Captain Hervey having the Signal out for the Line) the Cambridge, Dragon and Marlborough, were placed as well and as near as their Stations would admit of, against a Fortress so high as the Moro, with an Intention to dismount the Guns, as well as beat down the Wall. They began to cannonade about Eight o'Clock; and after keeping a constant Fire until Two in the Afternoon, the Cambridge was so much damaged in her Hull, Masts, Yards, Sails, and Rigging, with the Loss of many Men killed and wounded, that it was thought proper to order her off; and soon after the Dragon, which had likewise suffered in Loss of Men, and Damage in her Hull; and it being found that the Marlborough, Capt. Burnett, could be of no longer Service, she was ordered off likewise: The Number of the killed and wounded are as follows, to wit:

	Killed.	Wounded.
Dragon	16	37
Cambridge	24	95
Marlborough	2	8

The Dragon, on the Water's falling, had touched aground, and was forced to stave her Water Cask to lighten her, but has received no Damage as can be perceived from it. The Captains behaved becoming gallant Officers, as they expressed great Satisfaction in the Behaviour of the Officers and Men under their Command: And we have to regret the Loss of Captain Goostrey, who, though soon killed

after the Cambridge brought up, carried her down, with the greatest Calmness and Spirit. Captain Lindsay, of the Trent, supplied his Place during the Remainder of the Action, and approved himself a brave Man. I offered him the Command of that Ship, or of the Temple, or Devonshire, the former being vacant by the Death of Capt. Legge, and the latter by Capt. Marshall's going into the Cambridge.

The Earl of Albemarle signified to me the Ships had done incomparably well, having drawn much Fire from our Batteries, by which Means they had an Opportunity of dismounting some of the Moro's Guns which played against them.

The Defiance and Hampton Court being ordered to cruize between Port Mariel and the Bay of Honda, in going down, saw two sail at Anchor off Port Mariel Harbour, which Captain Mackenzie of the Defiance brought out after some Firing had passed: All but twenty Men had left them: They were the Venganza Frigate of 26 Guns, and the Marte of 18 Guns, which had been out on a Cruize. I sent the Sutherland, Cerberus and Lurcher to cruize off the Matances, and reconnoitre the Bay; and the Richmond and Alarm to cruize off the Capes St. Antonio and Coriantes. They took a Schooner on the 22d of last Month off the West End of Cuba, loaded with Coffee from Hispaniola, bound to New Orleans. The Cruizers are now all returned without any particular Intelligence.

The Alcide, Sutherland, Cerberus, and Ferret Sloop, have joined the Fleet since we have been here. The Centaur sprung her Mainmast in heaving down; but Sir James Douglas (who arrived here the 12th, with the Jamaica Fleet) informs me she will soon be here also.

The Penzance brings the next Convoy from Jamaica, which will sail the 25th Instant, and will be reinforced with a Ship of the Line from hence, to proceed with them to England.

On the 13th of last Month Captain Walker, of the Lurcher Cutter, in going up Chorea River out of mere Curiosity, was killed by the Enemy.

Admiralty Office, September, 8.

Since the Receipt of the above Letter last Night, Captain Urry, of His Majesty's Sloop Viper, is arrived in Town, who left the Havannah the 18th of July, and reports, that the Guns of the Moro Castle on the Side towards the Land were all silenced, only one being left mounted on that Side, and the Fire had ceased for two Days before; and it was intended to storm the Place that Night, or the Night following, for which Purpose all the Bags of Cotton were taken out of the Jamaica Fleet coming home, in order to fill up the Ditch.

That he did not hear of the Death of any Officer of Rank in the Sea or Land Service, except Captain Goostrey.

Extract of a Letter from Lord Colvill, dated on Board the Northumberland at Placentia, August 18, 1762.

On the 14th I anchored here, where I found the Antelope and Syren (who arrived the 22d of July). Captain Greaves, Governor of Newfoundland, has been employed in repairing the ruined Fortifications of this Place, and putting every thing in a Posture of Defence with all possible Diligence, and I have joined with him in his Work.

As we have now done every Thing for the Security of Placentia, which our Time and Circumstances will admit of; and as I am impatient to get off St. John's, I shall sail with all the Ships as soon as possible.

A Letter dated the 3d Instant has been received from Captain Brett, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Torbay [off Brest, giving an Account, that on the preceding Day Captain Lebras, in the Lion, had taken

taken the Zephyr Frigate of 26 Guns, which sailed from Brest on the 1st, having on Board 200 Troops, with Brass Mortars, Brass Cannon, Ammunition and Stores, bound for St. John's in Newfoundland.

The following Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, from the Time of the Army's landing on the Island of Cuba, to the 13th of July 1762, has been transmitted by the Earl of Albemarle.

Six Companies of Light Infantry. 2 Serjeants, 6 Rank and File, killed. 2 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 26 Rank and File, wounded. 10 Rank and File, missing.

Three Battalions of Grenadiers. 2 Serjeants, 9 Rank and File, killed. 7 Rank and File, wounded. 1 Drummer, 7 Rank and File, missing.

1st Regiment, Lieutenant General St. Clairs. 6 Rank and File, killed. 9 Rank and File, wounded. 3 Rank and File, missing.

9th, Lieutenant General Whitmore's. 17 Rank and File, killed. 29 Rank and File, wounded. 1 Serjeant, 7 Rank and File, missing.

15th, Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's. 1 Serjeant, 8 Rank and File, killed. 1 Serjeant, 10 Rank and File, wounded.

17th, Major General Monckton's. 1 Serjeant, 2 Rank and File, killed. 2 Rank and File, wounded. 2 Rank and File, missing.

22d, Vacant. 4 Rank and File, killed. 11 Rank and File, wounded. 3 Rank and File, missing.

27th, Major General Warburton's. 11 Rank and File, killed. 17 Rank and File, wounded. 3 Rank and File, missing.

28th, Major General Townshend's. 2 Serjeants, 10 Rank and File, killed. 2 Serjeants, 14 Rank and File, wounded. 1 Drummer, 5 Rank and File, missing.

34th, Major General Lord Frederick Cavendish's. 1 Serjeant, 16 Rank and File, killed. 43 Rank and File, wounded. 2 Rank and File, missing.

35th, Lieutenant General Otway's. 1 Drummer, 7 Rank and File, killed. 12 Rank and File, wounded. 7 Rank and File, missing.

40th, Major General Armiger's. 6 Rank and File, killed. 1 Drummer, 8 Rank and File, wounded. 1 Drummer, 2 Rank and File, missing.

42d, First Battalion, Lieutenant General Lord John Murray's. 1 Drummer, 2 Rank and File, killed. 2 Rank and File, wounded. 2 Rank and File, missing.

42d, Second Battalion, Lieutenant General Lord John Murray's. 1 Drummer, 2 Rank and File, wounded.

43d, Major General Talbot's. 3 Rank and File, killed. 4 Rank and File, wounded.

48th, Major General Webb's. 8 Rank and File,

killed, 20 Rank and File, wounded. 9 Rank and File, missing.

56th, Major General Keppel's. 20 Rank and File, killed. 32 Rank and File, wounded. 3 Rank and File, missing.

60th, Third Battalion, Colonel Haviland's. 1 Serjeant, 8 Rank and File, killed. 2 Serjeants, 21 Rank and File, wounded. 9 Rank and File, missing.

72d, Major General Duke of Richmond's. 11 Rank and File, killed. 1 Serjeant, 27 Rank and File, wounded. 6 Rank and File, missing.

77th, Colonel Montgomery's. 2 Rank and File, killed. 5 Rank and File, missing.

90th, Colonel Grant's. 5 Rank and File, killed. 18 Rank and File, wounded. 1 Rank and File, missing.

95th, Colonel Burton's. 1 Drummer, 3 Rank and File, killed. 2 Rank and File, wounded, 1 Drummer, 4 Rank and File, missing.

Detachment of Royal Artillery. 2 Serjeants, 12 Rank and File, killed. 8 Serjeants, 33 Rank and File, wounded.

Major Fuller's Corps. 2 Rank and File, wounded. 25 Rank and File, missing.

Return of Officers killed and wounded.

1st Regiment. Lieutenant Cooke, killed. Captain Balfour, wounded.

4th Regiment. Lieutenant Chitty, wounded.

9th Regiment. Ensign Wood, killed.

17th Regiment. Lieutenant Martin, and Ensign M'Garth, wounded.

22d Regiment. Lieutenant Stannus, wounded.

27th Regiment. Captain Morris, wounded.

35th Regiment. Lieutenant Fitzgerald, and Ensign Candler, wounded.

43d Regiment. Captain Spendlove, wounded.

60th Regiment. Lieutenant Searts, and Ensign Power, wounded.

77th Regiment. Lieutenant M'Vicker, killed.

95th Regiment. Lieutenant Barbour, and Ensign Deade, wounded.

Artillery. Captain Streachey, killed.

Dud. Ackland,

Deputy Adjutant General.

TOTAL LOSS.

	Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.
Officers,	4	13	0
Serjeants,	12	16	1
Drummers,	3	3	4
Rank and File,	176	351	115
Total	195	383	120